Claims

[c1] 1. A clipboard, comprising:
a clip having upper and lower parts joined by a hinge;
the lower part of the clip including a locking wall;
the lower part of the clip including spaced-apart hold-down edges;
a board;
the board having at least one upstanding lock element engaged with the locking wall on the lower part of the clip; and
the board including grips engaged with the hold-down edges of the lower part of the clip.

[c2] 2. The clipboard of Claim 1 with the clip having upper and lower parts integrally formed of thermoplastic and joined by a living hinge.

[c3] 3. The clipboard of Claim 1 with a spring formed of metal bent into a U-shape with an upper edge engaged with the upper part of the clip and a lower edge engaged with the lower part of the clip.

[c4] 4. The clipboard of Claim 3 with the clip having upper and lower parts integrally formed of thermoplastic and

joined by a living hinge, and spring retainers molded into the clip upper and lower parts engaged with the spring upper and lower edges, respectively.

[c5] 5. The clipboard of Claim 1 with the grips and hold-down edges being parallel.

[c6] 6. The clipboard of Claim 5 with the clip being restrained for linear, sliding motion with respect to the board when the grips are engaged with the hold-down edges.

[c7] 7. The clipboard of Claim 6 with the lock element being flexible, and lock element adapted and arranged to be moved into engagement with the locking wall upon sliding motion of the clip with respect to the board.

[c8] 8. The clipboard of Claim 7 with the locking wall having a bottom surface and a back surface, the bottom surface of the locking wall being adapted and arranged to depress the lock element upon sliding motion of the clip with respect to the board, until the bottom surface of the locking wall clears the lock element, whereupon the lock element stands up to engage the back surface of the locking wall.

[c9] 9. The clipboard of Claim 7 with a plurality of lock elements.

[c10] 10. The clipboard of Claim 7 with the board being molded of thermoplastic, and the lock element and grips being molded into the board.

[c11] 11. A clipboard, comprising:
a clip having upper and lower parts integrally formed of thermoplastic and joined by a living hinge;
a spring formed of metal bent into a U-shape with an upper edge engaged with the upper part of the clip and a lower edge engaged with the lower part of the clip;
spring retainers molded into the clip upper and lower parts engaged with the spring upper and lower edges, respectively;
the lower part including a locking wall;
the lower part including spaced-apart hold-down edges;
a board including grips engaged with the hold-down edges of the lower part of the clip;
the grips and hold-down edges being parallel, with the clip being restrained for linear, sliding motion with respect to the board when the grips are engaged with the hold-down edges;
the board having at least one upstanding lock element engaged with the locking wall;
the lock element being flexible and adapted and arranged to be moved into engagement with the locking wall upon sliding motion of the clip with respect to the

board; and

the locking wall having a bottom surface and a back surface, the bottom surface of the locking wall being adapted and arranged to depress the lock element upon sliding motion of the clip with respect to the board, until the bottom surface of the locking wall clears the lock element, whereupon the locking finger stands up to engage the back surface of the locking wall.

[c12] 12. The clipboard of Claim 11 with a plurality of lock elements, with the board being molded of thermoplastic, and the lock elements and grips being molded into the board.